

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 266th FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CENTER (FMC) UNIT 23122 APO AE 09227

AETS-FCZ 20 June 2011

#### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Allotments to a Foreign Bank Account for Active-Duty Soldiers

#### 1. References.

- a. DoD Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR) 7000.14-R, Volume 5, Disbursing Policy and Procedures, Chapter 4, December 2009.
- b. DoD Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR) 7000.14-R, Volume 7A, Military Pay Policy and Procedures Active Duty and Reserve Pay, June 2011.
- c. Memorandum, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, 6 May 2011, Subject: Military Allotments to a Foreign Bank Account [Encl 1]
- d. Memorandum, Headquarters 21<sup>st</sup> Theater Sustainment Command, 13 June 2011, Subject: Military Allotments to a Foreign Bank Account [Encl 2]
- 2. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish policy and procedures within US Army Europe (USAREUR) Finance Offices for processing allotments to foreign bank accounts for soldiers entitled to Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA).
- 3. Scope. This memorandum applies to all finance offices within US Army Europe (USAREUR) servicing USAREUR, US Army Africa (USARAF) and all Army units under any command receiving financial management support from the 266<sup>th</sup> FMC, hereafter referred to simply as USAREUR.

#### 4. Responsibilities.

- a. FMC Director. Oversees and is responsible for management of the program and managing access to the International Treasury Service (ITS).
- b. Directors, Officers, and Chiefs (PCE, IFO, BFO or any financial management element under the technical oversight of the 266<sup>th</sup> FMC authorized access to financial management systems through the 266<sup>th</sup> FMC). Responsible for establishing the procedures prescribed in this memo and providing local oversight of the program.
- c. Chief, Internal Control. Perform a review of this program annually in conjunction with compliance reviews performed at each site.

#### 5. Procedures.

- a. For soldiers who wish to establish a foreign bank account allotment.
- (1) Soldier obtains OF 1199-I, either online or from the local finance office, then takes the form to the foreign financial institution where he/she is an account holder. The institution should complete the form with the soldier's account data. If the form is handwritten, then a printout of the required data must be obtained from the institution. The finance office will not accept handwritten information for the establishment of a foreign bank account allotment.
- (2) Soldier submits the completed form along with a DD 2558 to the local finance office or to his/her S-1/Personnel Action Center (PAC) for submission to finance.
- (3) Finance office or S-1/PAC must inform the soldiers of their individual responsibility to stop the allotment to the foreign bank no later than the beginning of the month in which they no longer want the allotment to go out. A signed acknowledgement [Encl 3] shall be received from each soldier with the completed OF 1199-I and DD 2558 prior to initiating the allotment.
- (4) The appropriate Military Pay section enrolls the soldier's account in ITS.gov online using the Standard Operating Procedures [Encl 4] and establishes the allotment in DJMS using an input source code of FB.
- (5) Paperwork supporting the transaction is filed with the military pay cycle in which the allotment was entered.
- (6) Documents are retained in accordance with normal military pay document retention requirements.
- (7) The appropriate Military Pay section will maintain a database [Encl 5] of allotments to foreign banks to include effective date, initial amount and projected end date.
- (8) Once the allotment is established, the soldier can make changes to the allotment on the MyPay website.
- b. For the local finance office performing out-processing. During a soldier's out-processing, finance will determine whether the soldier has an allotment to a foreign bank account.
- (1) If the soldier has an allotment to a foreign bank account and has stopped the allotment in MyPay, the local finance office will process a disenrollment in ITS.gov.
- (2) If the soldier has an allotment to a foreign bank account but has not stopped the allotment in MyPay, the local finance office will process a DD2558 to stop the allotment and then process a disenrollment in ITS.gov.

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6. POC for this policy is the FMC Policy Section, DSN 483-8150/8216, commercial 0631-411-8150/8216.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

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WILLIAM H. McQUAIL Deputy Director, FMC

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Military Allotments to a Foreign Bank Account

- 1. This memorandum establishes Army policy on military pay allotments to a foreign bank. The primary purpose of this program is to assist Soldiers assigned to locations without a community bank. All allotments to a foreign bank must be sent to the Soldier's personal or joint account. No allotments may be made to a third party (landlord, relative, etc).
- 2. All allotments to Foreign Banks will be started by the local finance office. Allotments will not be started via myPay, although they may be subsequently changed or cancelled via myPay. Allotments will be started by the use of the International Direct Deposit Form OF1199I at <a href="http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/of1199i.pdf">http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/of1199i.pdf</a>. It is imperative that the form be completed by both the Soldier and the bank.
- 3. Soldiers are required to stop their allotment to the foreign bank no later than the beginning of the month in which they no longer want the allotment to go out, normally in conjunction with completion of their overseas assignment. In the event that the allotment is not stopped prior to the Soldier departing for their new duty station and funds are sent to the foreign bank, it will be the Soldier's responsibility to obtain the balance of funds from the foreign bank. It will not be the responsibility of the local finance office. Soldiers should be counseled on this responsibility and that differing banking laws by country may impact the process of obtaining funds once transmitted to a foreign bank.
- 4. The Financial Management Center (FMC) will be primarily responsible for managing this program within its area of operation and managing access to the International Treasury Services for finance offices within their theater. The U.S. Army Financial Management Command (USAFMCOM) will provide procedural guidance and assist the FMCs in managing this program.

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5. My point of contact for this action is MAJ Timothy Riggs at (317) 510-8897 or timothy.riggs@dfas.mil.

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# REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, 21ST THEATER SUSTAINMENT COMMAND UNIT 23203 APO AE 09263

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13 June 2011

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SUBJECT: Military Allotments to a Foreign Bank Account

- 1. Reference Memorandum, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, 6 May 2011, subject: Military Allotments to a Foreign Bank Account (Encl).
- 2. Subject memorandum permits Army Finance Management Centers to establish military pay allotments to foreign banks. I fully support the implementation of this program by the 266<sup>th</sup> Financial Management Center (FMC), subject to the restrictions in the referenced memorandum and subject to the 266<sup>th</sup> FMC publication of its own procedural guidance.
- 3. Although this program was tested primarily to assist Soldiers assigned to locations without a community, there is nothing in the implementation guidance to prevent any Soldier from using this program as long as the member is receiving overseas housing allowance.

4. POC for this action is, Mr. Scott Ferge, 483-6257/8216.

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SUBJECT: Allotment to a Foreign Bank Account - Sold

I, (rank)\_\_\_\_\_, understand the following:

- I am personally responsible for stopping my allotment to a foreign bank account no later than the beginning of the month in which I no longer want the allotment to go out.
- I have attached my completed OF 1191-I with a print out of the required data from my financial institution along with a completed DD 2558.
- I understand the intent of this program is to permit me to obtain foreign currency for my rent and utilities and the amount of my allotment should be commensurate with these requirements.
- If my allotment isn't stopped prior to my departure to my new duty station and funds are sent to the foreign bank, it is my responsibility to obtain those funds from the foreign bank.
- If my tour is extended beyond the DEROS date listed below, it is my responsibility to notify the local Finance office. If I do not, my allotment may be subject to cancellation.
- The local finance office is not obligated to recover funds that are deposited to my foreign bank account because I failed to stop my allotment.
- Bank laws vary by country and may impact the process of obtaining funds once transmitted to a foreign bank.

Printed Name:	_
Signature:	
DEROS Date:	

# **International Treasury Services**



# STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE June 17, 2011

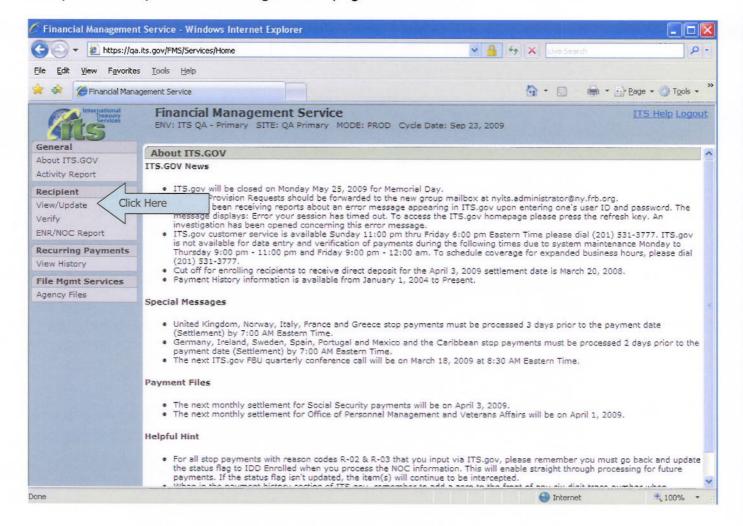
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#### **Enroll Function**

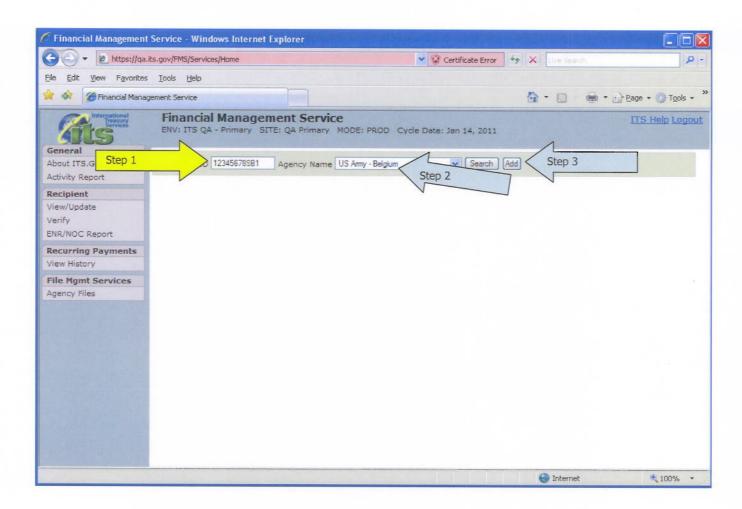
ITS.gov is used to enroll a Recipient's foreign banking information.

Sample left tool pane of the ITS.gov homepage:



#### **Enroll Function (continued)**

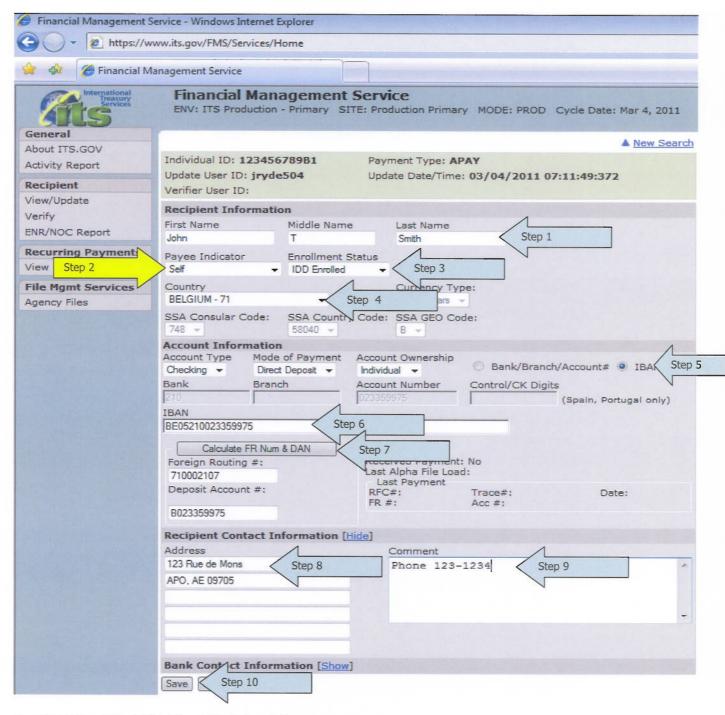
The first step is to add the Recipient.



- 1. Enter Individual ID in this case 123456789B1 (the SSAN and B1 at the end)
- 2. Select the Agency (In this case **US Army Belgium**)
- 3. Click the Add Button

#### **Enroll Function (continued)**

Once the Recipient record is displayed, enter the Banking information.

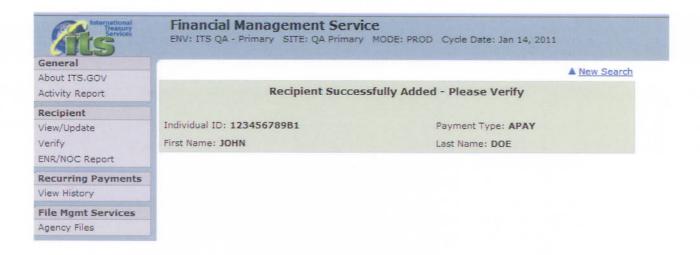


- 1. Input the First, Middle Initial, Last Name
- Make sure the Payee Indicator is SELF
- Change Enrollment Status to "IDD Enrolled"

- 4. Use drop down box and choose the Country you are making payment
- 5. If the IBAN is supplied, select the IBAN radio button
- 6. Enter the IBAN in the field
- 7. Click "Calculate FR Num & Dan"
  - Note: This will validate the banking information format is valid for the selected country
- 8. Enter the Recipient Address
- 9. If you want to input phone number or other comments you may
- 10. Click "Save"
- 11. Write the account number you just added on the OF1199I

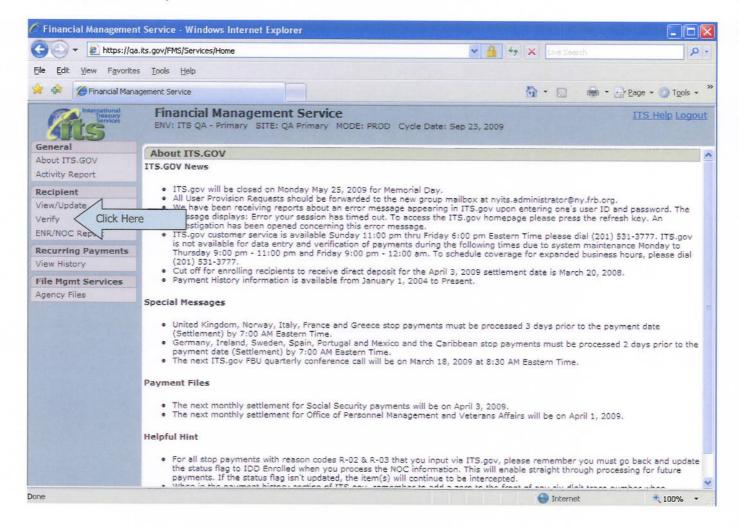
## **Enroll Function (continued)**

The following will be displayed for a successful add. The add is now ready for verification.



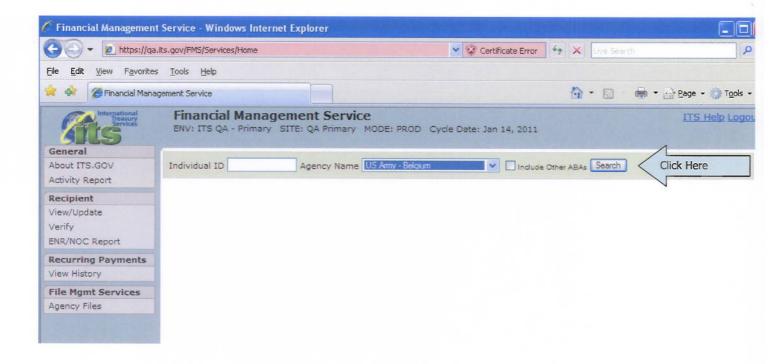
#### **Verify Enroll**

All adds to Recipients must be verified by a different staff member. To access this function, click Verify.

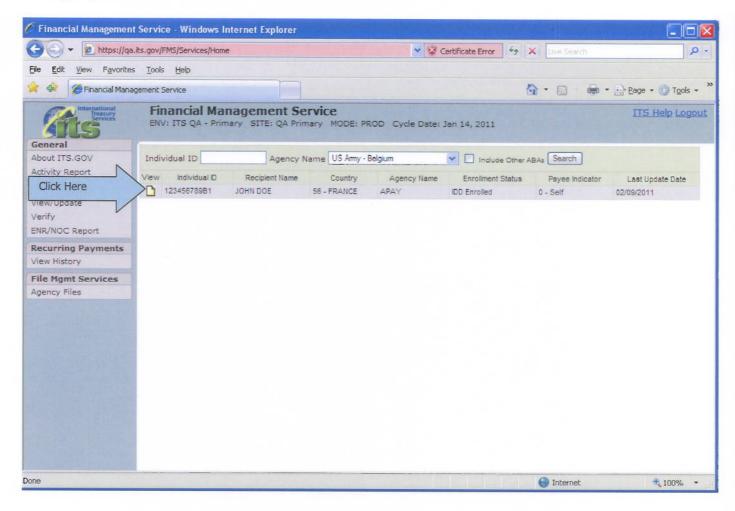


Select the US Army - Belgium, then click Search.

Note: The Individual ID field is optional. If it is filled in, the Recipient will be displayed. If it's left blank, all Recipient's awaiting verification will be displayed. For this example it will be left blank.

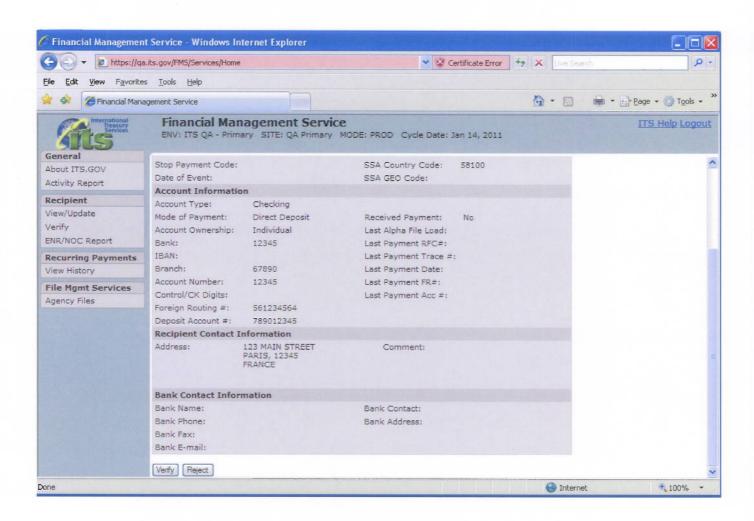


Since the Individual ID field was left blank, a list of Recipients awaiting verification will be displayed.



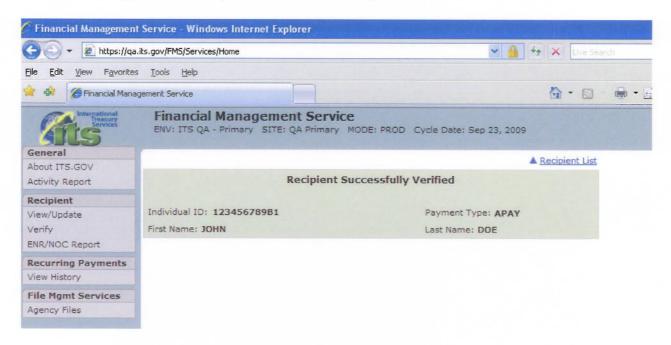
4. Click "View" for the Recipient needing verification

The updated record appears for sight verification.



5. Make sure the account number matches what is written on the OF1199I. Then Click "Verify" to approve the update or "Reject" to cancel the update

A screen will appear if the update is verified or rejected.

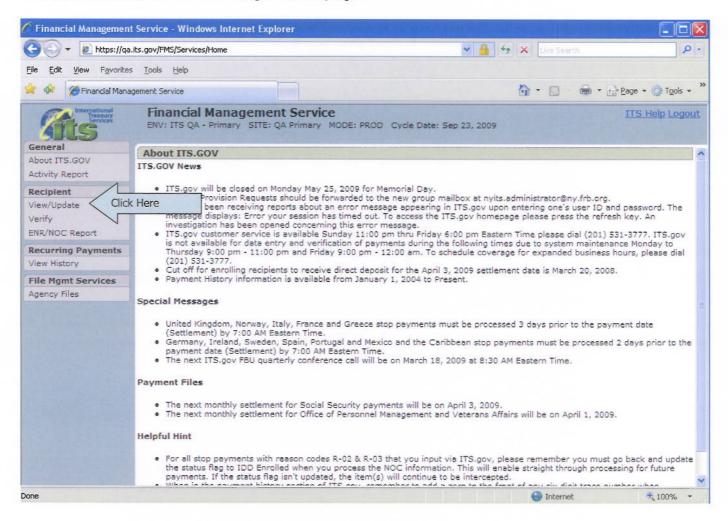


- 6. This is an example of a verified update, make sure the account number is the same that is written on the OF1199I before verifying it.
- 7. Military pay may now process the allotment in DJMS. Here are the following information to use when building the allotment:
  - RTN 021053065 or company code of H163289
  - o Account Number 123456789B1 (SSAN with B1 at the end)

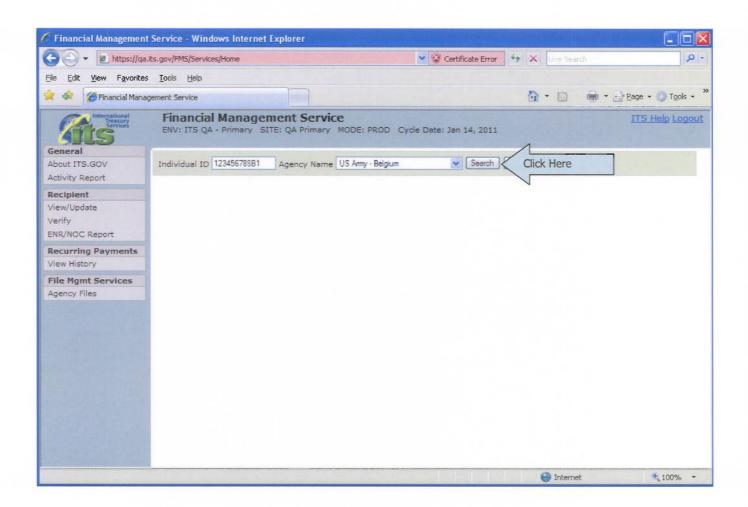
#### **Stop Payment Function**

ITS.gov is used to update a Recipient's foreign banking information or enrollment status. In this example, the enrollment status will be changed to "IDD Stop Payment" so the Recipient will not receive any future ITS.gov payments. In the case where an agency sends a payment and the Recipient's status is "IDD Stop Payment", the payment funds will be returned back to the agency.

Sample left tool pane of the ITS.gov homepage:

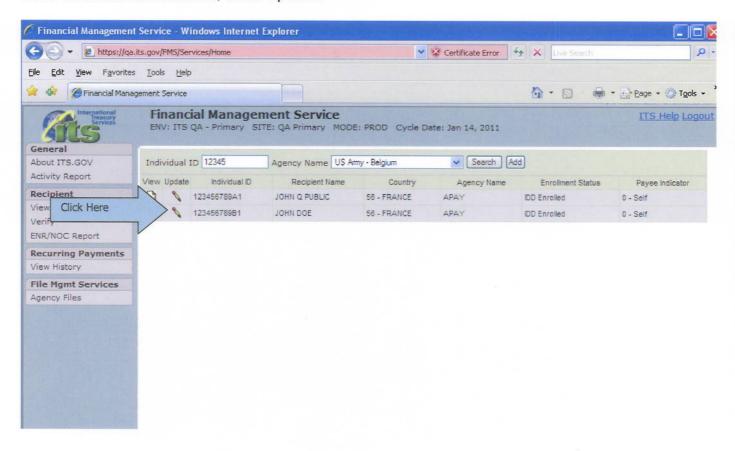


The first step is to find the Recipient.

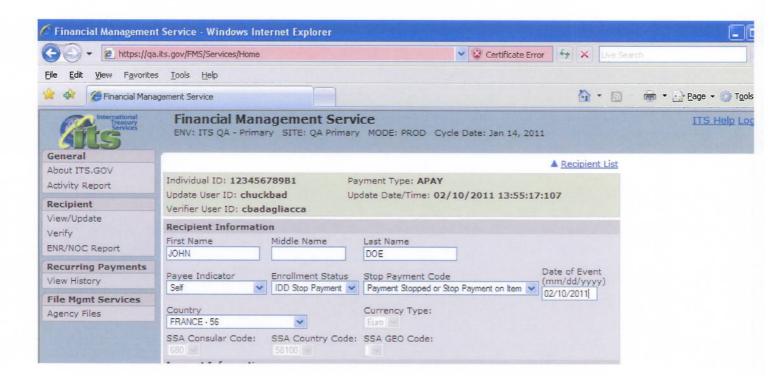


- 8. Enter Individual ID in this case 123456789B1 (members SSAN with B1 at the end)
- 9. Select the Agency (In this case US Army Belgium)
- 10. Click the Search Button

Once the name is retrieved, Click Update.

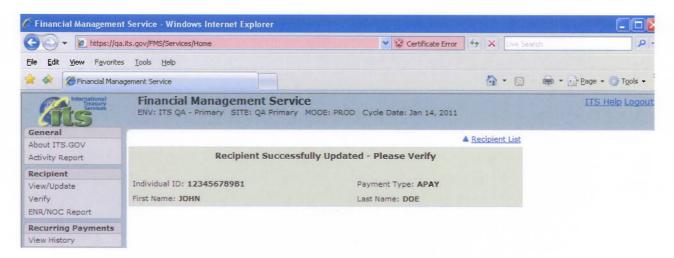


Once the Recipient record is displayed, change the status.

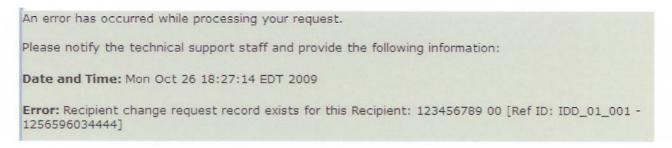


- Change Enrollment Status to "IDD Stop Payment"
- Change Stop Payment Code to "Payment Stopped or Stop Payment on Item"
- Enter today's date on Date of Event

The following will be displayed for a successful update. The update is now ready for verification.

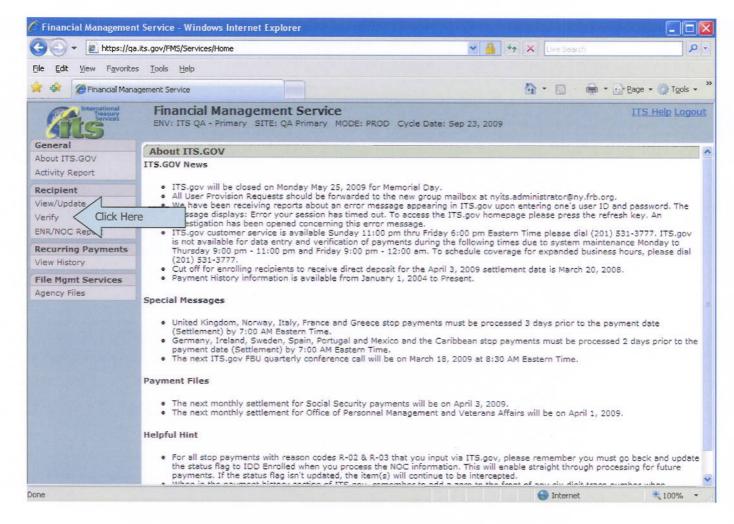


Note: The following will be displayed if the Recipient record was attempted to be updated but there is already an update to the record which is awaiting verification:



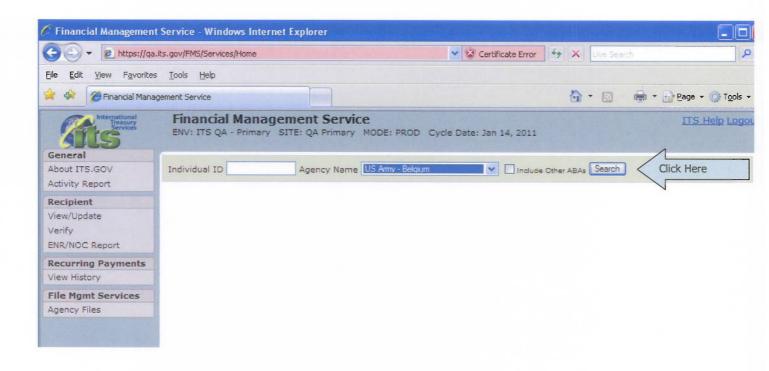
#### **Verify Stop Payment**

All updates and adds to Recipients must be verified by a different staff member. To access this function, click Verify.

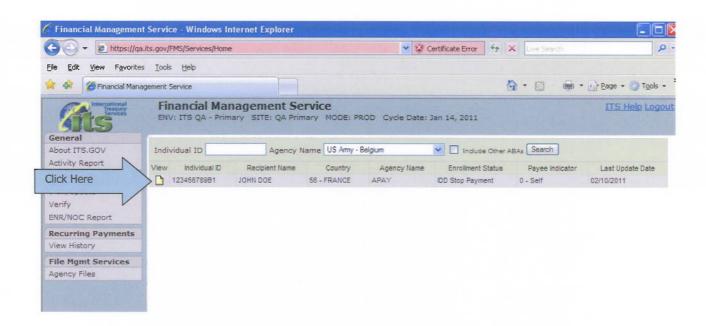


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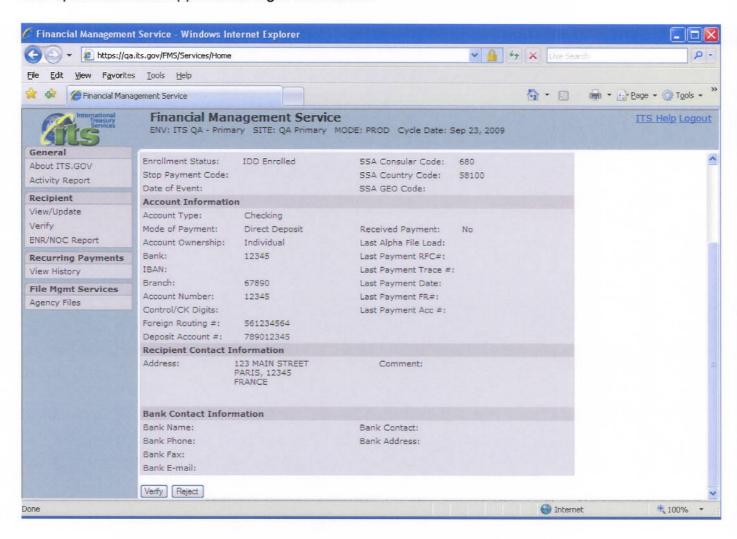


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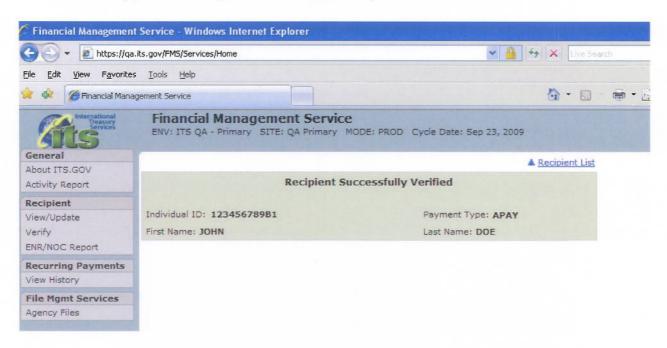
11. Click "View" for the Recipient needing verification

The updated record appears for sight verification.



12. Click "Verify" to approve the update or "Reject" to cancel the update

A screen will appear if the update is verified or rejected.



13. This is an example of a verified update

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Last Name	First Name	SSN	Effective Date	Initial Amount	Projected End Date